
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, February 2, 2006

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.-Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Green	Ricki Rosales
Sophia Rumanes	Kathy Watt
David Giugni	Philip Hendricks
Jeffrey King	Miguel Martinez*
Dani Mejia	Veronica Morales
Sabel Samone*	Tim Young

ABSENT

Richard Browne
Gordon Bunch
Manuel Cortez
J. Russell Kieffer
Lori Laubacher**
Vicky Ortega**
Daniel Rivas**

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

** Denotes arrived after first roll call and left before closing roll call

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Chi-Wai Au	Kyle Baker	Monique Collins	Elizabeth Escobedo	Ronald Merrick
John Mesta	Pamela Ogata	Saloniki Osorio	Jane Rohde	Martha Teresa Ruiz
William Strain	Lanet Williams			

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:11 PM and a quorum was not present.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION - "inSPOTLA.org – An Online Partner Notification System for MSM: Internet Users, Clinic Patients, and Agency Clients"

Dr. Rose Veniegas, CHIPTS, introduced Harlan Rotblatt, LAC-DHS Sexually Transmitted Program and Deya Smith-Starks, AIDS Healthcare Foundation who presented inSPOTLA.org.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled "inSPOTLA.org An Online Partner Notification System for MSM: Internet Users, Clinic Patients, and Agency Clients" is attached.

After the presentation on inSPOTLA.org, there was a question and answer period.

Ricki Rosales thanked the Los Angeles County Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program and AIDS Healthcare Foundation for their informative presentation.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

At 1:10 PM a quorum was present and the DRAFT February 2, 2006 PPC Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT December 16, 2005 PPC Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus with the following correction:

- Sophia Rumanes stated her comment was not recorded in the summary and requested to add the statement, "Overall, the Oral Rapid Test is working as expected." On page 3 under Governmental Co-Chairs Report to the 4th paragraph.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rev. Russell Thornhill, MAP, announced National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Week will take place in Los Angeles over the next week. National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is February 7th. On Saturday at 9:30 AM at the Unity Fellowship Church, there will be a Men's Empowerment Breakfast. The calendar of events is available on the back table.
- Leonardo Coleman, APLA, announced a new study (looking to recruit 225 men) will occur on March 25th and March 26th at the Wilshire Grand Hotel titled Positive Connections sponsored by AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Black AIDS Institute. Flyers are on the back table.
- Stacie Murray, APLA, announced two programs at APLA for Crystal Meth users. Both programs are harm reduction programs. Flyers are on the back table.

VI. PPC COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

- **MOTION #3** – Ricki Rosales placed a motion on the floor to review and endorse the Venue Based Task Force Recommendations and forward to OAPP. The motion was seconded by Daniel Rivas. Motion passed.

Ricki Rosales stated the PPC's Annual Planning Meeting was last month and thanked and acknowledged Veronica Morales and the Operations Subcommittee for organizing a great two day summit.

Last week Ricki Rosales attended the California HIV Planning Group Steering Committee in Sacramento and new members were selected.

Ricki Rosales announced the PPC Orientation is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2006 at St. Anne's. This orientation is being conducted for new PPC members and the community. Kathy Watt added the Prevention Plan (i.e. how the Prevention Plan comes together, the role of the Prevention Plan, how this works, BRGs, etc.) will be discussed.

VII. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Sophia Rumanes provided a Rapid Testing Update. Overall, we are confident in the Oral Rapid Test and guidelines are not being changed. As part of Quality Assurance, OAPP is in the process of working with agencies, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of California and OraSure Technologies to keep an eye on any false positives and the overall HIV rapid testing process. Sophia Rumanes reported there has been a dip in testing for the last year for HIV testing. OAPP is working with OAPP funded providers to increase the number of Rapid Tests that occur in Los Angeles County.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is in the process of revising the Prevention Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS) guidelines and CDC conducted a site visit to Los Angeles on the 26th and 27th of January. Members from the CDC's STD Branch and HIV Branch met at OAPP with the Los Angeles County STD Program staff, HIV/EPI staff and OAPP staff. Los Angeles County presented the different strategies that Los Angeles County would like to implement that would improve prevention counseling and referral services.

Sophia Rumanes also reported the Crystal Meth Work Group assembled by Dr. Fielding met for the third time and Alcohol and Drug Programs provided a comprehensive update regarding the Crystal Meth Epidemic in Los Angeles County. Jane Rohde and Sophia Rumanes presented OAPP Counseling and Testing data regarding Crystal Meth and hope to provide that information to the PPC Crystal Meth Task Force. One of Dr. Fielding's next steps is to provide staff education and awareness.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Mall, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), was invited to present on a bill AHF is introducing into legislation to reform the HIV counseling and testing process. The intent of the proposed legislation is to make the testing process easier and better for the client and provider. The principles are:

1. to test more people
2. make it easier for people to test
3. reduce the bureaucracy

Ms. Mall explained the administration of testing programs is costly and AHF would like to see more emphasis placed on linkages to care services and prevention case management services. AHF believes too much emphasis is put on combining prevention with testing and this combination is not enhancing the prevention efforts with high-risk individuals, but is impeding the ability of programs to test more people and run efficient, purposeful testing services. AHF is interested in a productive dialogue regarding this proposed legislation.

There was a question and answer period following Ms. Mall's overview of the proposed legislation.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING BREAKOUTS

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The Evaluation subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee's agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the March meeting scheduled for March 20th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at OAPP.

OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Operations subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee's agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the March meeting scheduled for March 14th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at OAPP.

STANDARDS & BEST PRACTICES

The Standards & Best Practices subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee's agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the March meeting scheduled for March 16th from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM at OAPP.

X. SUBCOMMITTEES RECONVENE

XI. CLOSING REMARKS

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ricki Rosales announced the PPC Orientation is scheduled for Friday, February 3rd from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Anne's.
- Sabel Samone announced a Valentine's Day Event on February 14, 2006 at the Grand Ball (8th Street and Grand Avenue) to raise money for the Trans-Unity Program.
- Dani Mejia announced the ACT NOW against Crystal Meth Candlelight Vigil is scheduled for February 10th at 8:00 PM on the corner of Santa Monica Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd.
- Jeffrey King announced a community forum is scheduled for February 7th at 7:30 PM at In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.

XIII. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION: #1: Approve the Agenda order.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION # 2: Approve of Meeting Summary	<i>Passed by Consensus with motion to approve with noted changes</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #3: Review and endorse the Venue Based Task Force Recommendations forward to OAPP.	Ayes: Giugni, Green, Hendricks, King, Laubacher, Martinez, Mejia, Morales, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Young Opposed: Ortega, Watt Abstentions: None	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 12 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0

KEY DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS
RECOMMENDATION #4: A copy of the email/document on AIDS Healthcare Foundations' proposed legislation to be included in next month's PPC packet.

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.